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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A powered saw 1 includes a frame 3 with a continuous loop blade 5 positioned in a coplanar relationship with the frame 3 along a system of blade guides 7 so that a cutting surface 9 of the blade 5 faces a desired cutting area. The relative positions between the frame arms 13, the frame handle 2, and the blade 5 provides a degree of stability and control that allows the operator to precisely and accurately control the cutting surface 9 of the blade 5 along curves, notches, and protrusions, including those involved in coping. In addition, this arrangement results in a compact design that positions the cutting surface 9 in close proximity to the handle 2.